on the table of the House.

Removal Of Freight Equalisation System

438. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Steel majors seek removal of freight equalisation" appearing in the Telegraph dated June 17 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A committee has been constituted to study the impact of partial withdrawal of freight equalisation scheme on consumption, availability and use of various categories of steel in different parts of the country. Main producers, vis., SAIL, TISCO and VSP, have made representations to the Committee, which is chaired by the Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel. The Government is yet to receive the report of the Committee.

Energy parks

439. SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up energy parks in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such parks set up in the country during each of the last three years, location-wise;

(c) whether there is any scheme for implementing these schemes with public participation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has set-up 86 Renewable Energy Parks in 18 States of the country. State and year-wise details of Renewable Energy Park Projects sanctioned during each of the last three years i.e. 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are given in the attached Statement.

(c) and (d) The Renewable Energy Park Projects are set up by the State Govt. Nodal Agencies through various educational and other institutions where there is large inflow of public

Statement

State and Year-wise Details of Renewable Energy Park Projects Sanctioned

S. No.	States	Years		
		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	–	9	–
2.	Assam	–	2	–
3.	Delhi	–	6	–
4.	Gujarat	–	3	–
5.	Haryana	–	3	–
6.	Himachal Pradesh	–	3	–
7.	Karnataka	1	4	3
8.	Kerala	–	11	–
9.	Madhya Pradesh	1	4	2
10.	Maharashtra	–	4	1
11.	Mizoram	–	1	–
12.	Orissa	–	3	1
13.	Punjab	–	9	–
14.	Rajasthan	–	3	–
15.	Tamil Nadu	–	5	–
16.	Tripura	–	1	–
17.	Uttar Pradesh	1	2	1
18.	West Bengal	1	1	–
	Total	4	74	8

Total : (3)+(4)+(5) : 4+74+8 = 86

Supply of Power to States

440. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria fixed for supply of power to the states from Central Pool; and